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## *First Step in the Ladder of Learning.*

### SPELLING.

This is the boy who got up early in the morning,  
And then set his foot on the Ladder of Learning.

The first step was spelling;  
The boy was quite willing;  
He soon learn'd to spell,  
And that very well,

By rising so early one fine summer's morning,  
And setting his foot on the Ladder of Learning.

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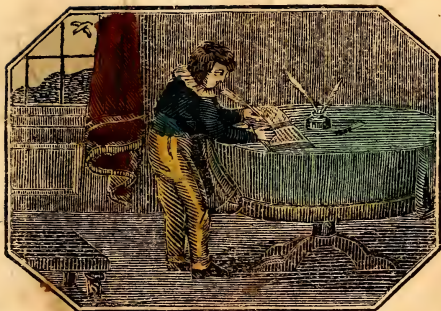
## *Step the Second in the Ladder of Learning.*

### READING.

Would you know the next step in this Ladder so high?  
It is reading, I tell you—your lessons go ply.

By thus taking heed,  
He soon learn'd to read  
A good lesson indeed;  
He knew how to spell  
So correctly and well,

By rising so early one fine summer's morning,  
And setting his foot on the Ladder of Learning.



*Step the Third in the Ladder of Learning.*

WRITING.

Again he rose early, the morning was bright,  
The next step ascended was learning to write.  
At first he so clumsily handled the pen,  
He needed instructions again and again;  
But when he grew careful, and kept his book clean,  
His writing was better, and fit to be seen:  
By thus taking pains, he soon wrote a good hand,  
His lines were so even, his letters well plann'd.

He wrote a good hand,  
With letters well plann'd,  
And also could read  
A good lesson indeed;  
He knew how to spell  
So correctly and well,

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And setting his foot on the Ladder of Learning.

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*Step the Fourth in the Ladder of Learning.*

TABLES.

To get all the tables was then his next task;  
 But what were these tables? permit me to ask.  
 Of measures and weights, numeration, and pence,  
 And multiplication—which puzzled his sense.  
 By close application he master'd all these,  
 And now he is ready for sums when you please.

His tables by heart  
 He answers quite smart;  
 He writes a good hand,  
 With letters well plann'd,  
 And also can read  
 A good lesson indeed;  
 He knows how to spell  
 So correctly and well,

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*Step the Fifth in the Ladder of Learning.*

ACCOUNTS.

By strict application he still higher mounts,  
 And the power of numbers learns by accounts—  
 To add and subtract—to reduce—multiply—  
 Division he'll master with ease by and by.  
 These rules when attained, and thoroughly known,  
 Are for mathematics like good seed well sown.

Correct in accounts  
 He gives the amounts;  
 His tables by heart  
 He answers quite smart;  
 He writes a good hand,  
 With letters well plann'd,  
 And also can read  
 A good lesson indeed;  
 He knows how to spell  
 So correctly and well,

By rising so early one fine summer's morning,  
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*Step the Sixth in the Ladder of Learning.*

GRAMMAR.

All to grammar his thoughts he next quickly turns,  
 And nine sorts of words which he finds he soon learns;  
 Of words he makes sentences well to agree  
 In case, gender, number, and mood, you will see;  
 He words to their stations with ease can command,  
 So that he who may read will each understand.

He now speaks grammar  
 Without a stammer;  
 Correct in accounts  
 He gives the amounts;  
 His tables by heart  
 He answers quite smart;  
 He writes a good hand,  
 With letters well plann'd,  
 And also can read  
 A good lesson indeed;  
 He knows how to spell  
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*Step the Seventh in the Ladder of Learning.*

TRUTH.

We all admire and love the noble youth,  
Who, from his heart, dares firmly speak the truth.  
As from the lion bold, or cruel bear,  
He would escape—a lie he learns to fear;  
These crooked, wicked, odious ways he shuns,  
And in the pleasant paths of virtue runs.

He learn'd in his youth  
To tell the whole truth,  
And now speaks grammar  
Without a stammer;  
Correct in accounts,  
He gives the amounts;  
His tables by heart  
He answers quite smart;  
He writes a good hand,  
With letters well plann'd,  
And also can read  
A good lesson indeed;  
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*Step the Eighth in the Ladder of Learning.*

KINDNESS.

The kind and the civil, whoever they are,  
Or wherever they go, will find the best fare;  
For as like begets like, so is kindness repaid—  
They know it, who have through affliction to wade.  
Each day of your life, then, evince your good nature,  
By a courteous kindness to every creature.

To be civil and kind  
He now was inclin'd;  
He learn'd in his youth  
To tell the whole truth;  
He now speaks grammar  
Without a stammer;  
Correct in accounts  
He gives the amounts;  
His tables by heart  
He answers quite smart;  
He writes a good hand,  
With letters well plann'd,  
And also can read  
A good lesson indeed;  
He knows how to spell  
So correctly and well,

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*Step the Ninth in the Ladder of Learning.*

JUSTICE.

Let justice and mercy, and kindness and truth,  
 First bud in your childhood, then blossom in youth;  
 Good fruit in abundance, I then dare engage,  
 Shall ripen in manhood, to solace old age.  
 When man injures man, he can plead his own cause,  
 And justice demand in the court of our laws;  
 But the poor injur'd brute cannot there bring his case  
 Against man who is cruel, oppressive, and base.  
 In the high court of heav'n his wrongs are recorded:  
 There his groans are all heard, and his plea is regarded.  
 'Then deprive not the beast of his food, rest, or pleasure,  
 Lest you be repaid in the same scanty measure.  
 When justice is barr'd from the least little action,  
 With her will escape all your heart's satisfaction:  
 Your Bible so tells you, your interest so says,  
 "Do justly," "love mercy," and you shall have praise.

'Tis justice that leads  
 Each step that he treads;  
 To be civil and kind  
 He now was inclin'd;  
 He learn'd in his youth  
 To tell the whole truth,  
 And now speaks grammar  
 Without a stammer;  
 Correct in accounts  
 He gives the amounts;  
 His tables by heart  
 He answers quite smart;  
 He writes a good hand,  
 With letters well plann'd,



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And also can read  
 A good lesson indeed;  
 He knows how to spell  
 So correctly and well,

By rising so early one fine summer's morning,  
 And setting his foot on the Ladder of Learning.

### *Step the Tenth in the Ladder of Learning.*

#### GRATITUDE.

Ungrateful the sands on Arabia's plain,  
 They drink up the showers, but produce us no grain!  
 Not so our enclosures—their kind fertile soil  
 Our barns will replenish, and pay for our toil.  
 What do we possess, which to us was not given,  
 By parents, by friends, or a bountiful heaven?  
 Then before we repose on our pillows to slumber,  
 Naily our hearts often melt while our blessings we number;  
 And, like our rich meadows, our gratitude shew,  
 By acknowledging favors, both ancient and new.

Thus grateful he grew  
 For old favors and new;  
 While justice thus led,  
 Each step he would tread;  
 To be civil and kind  
 He now was inclin'd;  
 He learn'd in his youth  
 To tell the whole truth,  
 And now speaks grammar  
 Without a stammer;

Correct in accounts  
 He gives the amounts;  
 His tables by heart  
 He answers quite smart;  
 He writes a good hand,  
 With letters well plann'd;  
 And also can read  
 A good lesson indeed;  
 He knows how to spell  
 So correctly and well,

By rising so early one fine summer's morning,  
 And setting his foot on the Ladder of Learning.

### GOING TO A TRADE.

Thus rising so early each fine summer's morning,  
 And step by step climbing this Ladder of Learning,

The youth learn'd to spell  
 Both correctly and well,  
 And also could read  
 A good lesson indeed;  
 He wrote a good hand,  
 With letters well plann'd;  
 His tables by heart  
 He answer'd quite smart;  
 Correct in accounts  
 He gave the amounts,  
 And then spoke grammar  
 Without a stammer;  
 He spoke the English  
 To be civil and kind  
 He was mostly inclin'd;  
 While justice still led,  
 Each step he would tread;  
 And so grateful he grew  
 For old favors and new,

He may now go apprentice to some useful trade,  
 And evince the good progress in learning he made.  
 If sober and honest, and pious he prove,  
 His gains will be many, his friends will him love.  
 Justice and mercy, and kindness and truth,  
 Did bud in his childhood, and blossom in youth,  
 God's fruit in abundance, we now may presage,  
 Will open in manhood, and solace old age.

RETURNING FROM SCHOOL

